



**Kent Pin-Points  
The Big Reason**

**Attitude Is Major  
Asset of NHS Team**

Roy Kent was enjoying the better of it in a scrimmage with roast beef at the East Norriton Lions Club dinner meeting, but experiencing the worst of it from a table neighbor operating out of the elbow-spread.

The neighbor asked of the Norristown High football coach: "Roy, if you had to pin-point one thing that makes the difference between last year's team of 4 wins and 7 defeats, and this year's team of 7 straight victories, what would it be?"

Reflecting only momentarily, and that probably for digestive purpose, the handsome young grid tutor shot back: "Attitude. Yes, I would h a v e t o s a y a t t i t u d e . "It's the old story of a boy who comes to bat in the last inning with bases loaded and his team three runs behind. If he strikes out, does he go into a shell of defeatism? Or the kid who comes to bat in similar situation and belts a game-winning home run. Does he lose himself in the sphere of big-headedness?

"In the first instance, the boy with the right attitude can come back up off the floor to his normal again. In the second instance, the boy with right attitude can come back down to his normal again. "Make no mistake about it," he chuckled, "this year

we have two halfbacks who can run. But in the overall picture you have to *figure* attitude as the, major force.

These kids are on an even keel. They have desire, and there's no substitute in football for desire.

"By explanation I can use Bob Eastwood as symbolic of our present status. Last year we lost seven games in a row between the first two games and *the* last two games. It's tough for a boy to come back to school every Monday morning after losing consistently. There's a lot of kidding by schoolmates; maybe some 'digs'.

"But you always found Bob the same at Monday practice. He was ready to work toward the next game; ready to work to improve himself.

. "This year we've been winning them all, and it's different now when the boy 'comes back to school each Monday morning. But Bob takes it in stride and each Monday he's the same—ready to work toward the next game; ready to work to improve himself.

"It's attitude and it generates through the squad. One way or another we are on an even keel. They're thinking and viewing the whole picture with a mental soundness.

"We're not a football team with tremendous talent. Sure, we have an outstanding fast man in Willie Suber, an outstanding big man in Charlie Holmes, a fierce competitor in Stew Percy, an excellent leader in Bob Eastwood. And our line coach, Paul Zdanowicz, has done a wonderful job with the boys up front.

"We have a lot of assets, but if I have to pin-point the one big thing in our favor it's attitude. And there's no sport like football to develop or bring out the boy's attitude.

"You know, I like to think Bowden Wyatt, the Tennessee coach, hit the nail on the head in his statement concerning football being the 'last bastion of discipline in this country.'

Roy defined it basically by comparing the public school room to the football field. "If a boy comes to school with the long haircut—those so-called stylish things over ears and down the neck—you have to leave him come that way. And you can't demand that he conform to certain standards of attire.



**ROY KENT**

"But as football coach I can put the ban on the long haircuts—or they don't play football. If we play at Pottstown, Upper Darby or elsewhere, I tell the boys we wear shirt, tie and coat. They do—or they don't play football."

They're little things, maybe, he said. But it's discipline.

The fellow listening could deduct that the discipline Kent was talking about helps a long way toward attitude. And attitude, he said, 'made' this team.

The coach's attitude is 100%, too.

## Souderton Rated 4th Among County Teams

Pennridge was rated the top football team in Bucks county and Norristown was selected No. 1 in Montgomery county and District One, as well.

The ratings are submitted annually by Frank B. Saylor, a Penn State faculty member, who has devised a rating system according to the strength of a team's opponent.

Souderton finished fourth among Montgomery county teams and North Penn, eleventh.

### Ten Leaders

W	L	T	Rating
Norristown .....9	0	0	500
Radnor .....10	0	0	483
Chichester .....8	0	0	482
Downingtown ....9	0	1	472
Ridley Twp. ....8	1	0	456
Conestoga .....8	1	1	450
Pennridge .....10	0	0	447
Lower Merion .4	2	1	444
Quakertown .....8	1	0	418
Pennsbury .....8	1	0	413

### Bucks County

Pennridge .....10	0	0	447
Quakertown .....8	1	0	415
Pennsbury .....8	1	0	413
Neshaminy .....7	3	0	372
Morrisville .....5	3	0	346
William Tennent 6	3	0	341
Central Bucks .5	4	0	333
Bensalem .....4	6	0	287
Bristol .....2	7	1	287
Delhaas .....1	6	2	277
Council Rock .....2	7	1	272

### Montgomery County

Norristown .....9	0	0	500
Lower Merion ....4	2	1	444
Conshohocken .6	4	0	388
Souderton .....7	3	0	379
Upper Merion .6	3	0	378
Cheltenham .....6	5	0	376
Spring-Ford .....5	5	0	373
Collegeville .....8	0	0	361
Ambler .....6	4	0	359
Springfield .....5	5	0	324
North Penn .....4	6	0	319
Pottstown .....2	8	0	317
Upper Moreland 3	7	0	304
Plv.-Whitemarsh 3	5	0	297
Hat.-Horsham .1	9	0	281
L. Moreland .....5	3	0	280
Bridgeport .....0	9	0	275
Upper Perk. ....1	9	0	262
Jenkintown .....3	4	0	256
Upper Dublin .....0	6	1	233
Pottsgrove .....2	3	0	230
Schwenksville .1	5	1	203